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Amended Paragraph 0002

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2 **[0002]** Creating decorative quilts by hand has become a popular avocation. A typical quilt
3 is comprised of at least two fabric layers which are stacked and stitched together.
4 Generally the quilt is comprised of a "top" layer, a "bottom" or "backing" layer, and an
5 intermediate "batting" layer. The top layer is typically decorative and is produced as a
6 consequence of the creative and artistic effort of the quilt maker. The backing layer is
7 usually simple and aesthetically compatible with the top. The batting layer generally
8 provides bulk and insulation. The specific process of sewing the sandwich of the three
9 planar layers together is generally referred to as "quilting". The quilting process usually
10 consists of forming long continuous patterns of ~~the creative and artistic effort of the quilt~~
11 ~~maker. The backing layer is usually stitches~~ which extend through and secure the top,
12 backing, and batting layers together. Oftentimes stitch patterns are selected which have a
13 decorative quality to enhance the overall aesthetics. A general goal of the quilting process
14 is to produce precise consistent stitches that are closely and uniformly spaced.

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